

SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES COUNCIL

December 1 , 2022- 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Physical Location: Virginia Association at Community Services Boards (VACSB)

10128 West Broad Street #B

Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

Senator John Bell, Chair

Victor McKenzie, Secretary

Meeting Participants:

Virtual:

Lea Small- WHRO

Kathy Boyle-

Michelle Sutterland-

Delegate Delores L. McQuinn

Charlene Motley- VA Department of Corrections

Tim May-

Ginny Atwood Lovitt- The CAF

Leslie Egen- DCJS/FAACT

In-Person:

Julie Truitt- DBHDS

Victor McKenzie- SAARA

Peter Breslin, MD- Consumer Advocacy Org

Marny Bentley, LPC- VACSB

Katie Grumble- Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority

Harold W. Clarke, Director- Department of Corrections

Jackson Miller, Director- Department of Criminal Justice Services

Jillian Balow, Superintendent- Department of Education

Marty Kilgore, Executive Director- Virginia Foundation of Healthy Youth

Angela Coleman, Executive Director- Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety Program

Danny TK Avula, MD, MPH; Commissioner- Department of Social Services

Linda B. Ford, Acting Commissioner- Department of Motor Vehicles

Cheryl J. Roberts, JD, Director- Department of Medical Assistance Services

Amy Floriano- Director- Department of Juvenile Justice

Collin M. Greene, MD, MPH- Department of Health

***Senator Bell absent**

I. Welcome and Introductions.... John Bell, Senator, Chair

Attendance: We ask that each member share his/her role on the council and how long he/she has served

II. Review of Minutes from October 20, 2022 (No Quorum)

Meeting..... John Bell, Senator, Chair

III. Old Business

- a. None

IV. New Business

- a. Presentation-Opioid Abatement Authority (OAA)- Tony McDowell
 - i. Unable to attend
- b. Updated/Pending SASC Membership
 - i. Changing name of council
 - ii. Virginia Addiction Recovery Council
 - iii. Increases membership from 29 to 32
 - 1. Adding two members from gambling recovery community and one representing Opioid Task Force
- c. Consideration of an electronic communications policy
 - i. New policy allows individuals to participate virtually- accessible to those with disabilities, travelling more than 60 miles to attend, etc.
 - ii. Quorum must be established in room first.
 - 1. Virtual attendees don't count as quorum
 - a. Concerns are that although this sounds like a goal, skeptical of whether or not those virtually attending will hold same influence as those in-person.
 - b. Del. Coyner suggests amendment having chair approve virtual days.
 - iii. 2 out 4 meetings you can attend electronically
 - iv. Sample policy from guidance from FOIAA Council, Tobacco Council, Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth
 - v. Tabled until next meeting**
- d. Planning for 2023
 - i. 4 meetings per calendar year
 - 1. 1 per quarter

- ii. Want to avoid session
- iii. Must develop report on actions the Council has taken over the year, as well as recommendations for the General Assembly
- iv. Adding numbers to Council- 29-32; 2 problem gambling experts, 1 from Abatement Authority

V. Meeting Dates for 2023

- a. Have 3 meetings before mid-September deadline and final after
- b. April 13, 1:00-3:00 pm.
- c. July 13, 1:00-3:00 pm.
- d. August 17, 1:00-3:00 pm.
- e. December 7, 1:00-3:00 pm.

VI. Public Comment (5-minute speaking limit)

- a. Ginny Atwood Lovitt- CAF
 - i. Bringing to attention that there is work happening to bring forward another drug-induced homicide law
 - ii. Attempted a couple of years ago then vetoed
 - iii. Advocating for CAF- asking Council to do whatever it can to avoid passing another law like this
 - iv. Says that bill has certain logic to it that makes it easy to be passed.
 - 1. Allows for someone who provides drugs to someone to be charged with homicide if the person drugs were sold to commits the offense
 - v. Says that Governor Youngkin has asked someone to bring forward this bill
 - vi. Deters people from using the Good-Samaritan Law
 - 1. Deters people from calling for help
- b. Senator Boysko
 - i. Commending Ginny and in complete agreement with her sentiments
- c. Guest mentioning that the law, by definition, is not homicide but instead accidental death- supporting Ginny
- d. Delegate McQuinn
 - i. Supporting Ginny

- ii. Ridiculous that this is something that would be considered to deter addiction
- e. Delegate Coyner
 - i. Shedding light on multiple bills she is hoping to pass for the 2023 Legislative Session related to substance abuse disorder
- f. Attendee raises incarceration issue
 - i. Still have those jailed/paroled unable to receive MEDICAID benefits/participate in the programs
- VII. Adjournment